

ABOUT PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease)

WHAT IS PID?

PID, or Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, is a very serious infection of your female organs. PID happens when an infection in your female organs is not treated and spreads all over the inside of your lower abdomen.

WHAT CAUSES PID?

You can get PID from the germs that cause STD's, most commonly gonorrhea ("the clap") or chlamydia. You can get these germs when you have sex with someone that has them. You can also pass them to another person during sex.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE PID?

Most women have no signs before they get PID. But, you might have some of these warning signs:

- longer or more painful menstrual periods
- pain in one of both sides of your lower stomach
- a lot of pain during or after sex
- chills and fever
- a change in the color or amount of vaginal discharge
- abnormal uterine bleeding

WHY IS PID SO SERIOUS?

If you have PID and do not get treatment, you may not be able to have children.

HOW DO I GET RID OF PID?

1. Take your medicine like your doctor or nurse tells you. The medicine bottle has instructions on it, too.
2. Take the medicine until it is all gone. You must finish it to be cured.
3. Do not start your medicine with anyone.
4. After you finish the medicine, call the Women's Clinic for a check up to make sure you are cured.

WHAT TO DO:

1. Tell your sex partner(s), "I was treated for PID. You need a test and medicine too!"
2. Do not have sex. Wait until you and your sex partner(s) take all the pills.
3. Always have your sex partner(s) wear a rubber (condom) when you have sex. This will protect you from getting any disease.

4. If you have any signs of PID or any sexually transmitted disease (STD), go to your doctor or Women's Clinic right away.